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SUBJECT: LEVESQUE PLAYS DOWN "CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS"

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1. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC REACTION TO THE BROUHAHA OVER THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF BILL 101, PRIME MINISTER LEVESQUE DISMISSED THE WHOLE AFFAIR AS A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT. LEVESQUE, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS DURING A TOUR OF QUEBEC CITY'S TASCHEREAU RIDING, SAID HE HAD BEEN AWARE SINCE DECEMBER OF LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR LAPOINTE'S FAILURE TO SIGN THE ENGLISH VERSION OF BILL 101, AND DID NOT INTEND TO PROVOKE A CONFRONTATION OVER THE ISSUE. HE SAID HE WOULD RESUBMIT THE ENGLISH VERSION TO LAPOINTE IF THE COURTS DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO CONFIRM THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE LAW.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DESCHENES RULING, LEVESQUE ECHOED THE STATEMENTS MADE EARLIER BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, CAMILLE LAURIN, CONFIRMING THE GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT BILL 101 WAS CONSTITUTIONAL IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THAT A FAILURE OF HIGHER COURTS TO OVERTURN THE  
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DESCHENES RULING, THEN "IT'S THE CONSTITUTION AND NOT BILL 101 WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED." BOSWELL

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